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**Questions** for *A Raisin in the Sun*

**Answer all of the following questions in a paragraph (6-9 sentences each). These should be typed, and shared using Google Docs.**

1) What is the “American Dream?” Explain how the “American Dream” differs from culture to culture?

Does the dream come true for any member of the Younger family?

2) How does each member of the Younger family want to spend the insurance money? How do the characters want to change their lives and do they believe they can change it? What are their expectations of the other family members?

3) How would you describe the hierarchy in the family? Is this hierarchy based on age or gender?

4) What is Beneatha searching for in the play and how does this shape her character and the way she relates to the other characters in the play?

5) How would you describe George Murchison and Joseph Asagi? What do the characters represent? How does Beneatha treat them?

6) How would you define the marriage between Walter and Ruth?

7) What does Ruth’s pregnancy do to the family? What decisions are made or ignored and who is involved?

8) How does the purchase of the house in Clybourne Park affect the family? Why does Mr. Lindner want to keep the Younger family from moving into his neighborhood and how does he try to prevent their move?

9) How does Walter become a “man?” What does it mean to be a “real” man?

10) The playwright, Lorraine Hansberry, uses the poem, “A Dream Deferred,” by Langston Hughes to introduce her play. After reading the poem, what are the similarities and differences between the poem and the play?